detailed project proposals from State Governments. A scheme is proposed to be started in the Eleventh Plan for incentivizing State Governments for setting up of new institutions or expansion of existing institutions with Central assistance. During the Eleventh Plan, it is intended to strengthen 6000 colleges and 150 State universities with focus on underserved areas to enable these institutions to fulfil the criteria for UGC assistance. The funds would be provided on 1:1 sharing ratio between the Centre and the State Governments. Additional assistance is to be provided to 160 State universities and about 5500 colleges which are already declared fit to receive grants under Section 12B of the UGC Act. Eight new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have been set up during the first two years of the Eleventh Plan. Five new Indian Institutes of Science Education & Research (IISERs) have also been set up during this Plan period. Seven new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are also proposed to be established. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has permitted second shift in certain engineering colleges and polytechnics. Expansion of intake in Central Educational Institutions by 54% has been undertaken consequent to the implementation of the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006.

Demand of scholastic pay by IIT faculty

226. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:
SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the demand of IIT faculty members asking for 'scholastic pay' of Rs. 15,000 per month;

(b) if so, by when Government would consider their demand;

(c) the reasons for keeping these gems in 'low paying jobs';

(d) whether Government is aware that many of the gems in various fields in public sector have joined private sector because of the better offer and facilities given to them by the private sector; and

(e) if so, the reasons for Government's dilly-dallying in considering their demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Although no "scholastic pay" has been given to the IIT faculty, the pay revision of the IIT faculty, *interalia*, includes a Performance Related Incentive Scheme (PRIS) in which remuneration will be granted in recognition of distinguished achievement by way of research.